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I have some thoughts. Let me have a quick chat about this with Betsy and Ephraim and get back to you shortly. The 2 reviewers have already contacted TT asking how to respond and are waiting for use to tell them what to do.

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Hi Dana, Looks like TK decided to do an end run...

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Hi Dana,

Looks like TK decided to do an end run and not wait for us to get back to him on whether or not the peer reviewers would be able to take a look at and possible comment on their comments. From the message below, he sent his consultant's comments and the SAB Review of Empirical Approaches for Nutrient Criteria Derivation report directly to our reviewers today.

We told him a couple of days ago the peer reviews were complete (except for the formal transmittal to us) but we would check with HQ to see if it would be possible to have the draft Great Bay nutrient criteria reviewers (or other experts) also look at their comments and tell us what they think of them. Absent that we said their comments would certainly be responded to as part of the states criteria public comment response process.

I don't know if there is funding in the contract or interest by the reviewers in looking at these comments and understand only the contracting officer can authorize additional work, and you have to work through the primary contractor Tetra Tech on any additional work assignments. Obviously this move by TK was inappropriate without giving us a reasonable time to get back to him. Tetra Tech should likely contact the reviewers so they are not baffled about how this came to them out of the blue.

I look forward to talking to you about appropriate next steps. thanks,
Steve

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Harry and Steve. This e-mail follows telephone discussions which I recently had with each of you. Since you both have indicated your support for having Dr. Boynton and Dr. Howarth review additional information which we provided to you last week (e-mail 6/2/10) and provided earlier on May 12, 2009 to DES, we have taken the liberty to forward those documents to them by this e-mail. While you have advised us on Monday that the peer review is "complete", we still hope that EPA will hold the final report for a short period of time and ask Dr. Boynton and Dr. Howarth to review and consider this information and other relevant input before issuing a final report. This is consistent with our previous requests for an opportunity to participate. Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss how we can work cooperatively to make this document a better product.



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